

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas has suffered an immeasurable loss
2 with the tragic death of the Honorable Joe E. Moreno of Denver
3 Harbor on May 6, 2005, at the age of 40; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on August 12, 1964, Representative
5 Moreno graduated from St. Thomas High School and attended both the
6 University of St. Thomas and Texas Southern University; and

7 WHEREAS, His competence, insight, and genuine interest in
8 making a positive difference in the state earned him a position as a
9 legislative aide to former State Representative Al Luna, and he
10 went on to gain further valuable experience in the office of State
11 Representative Jessica Farrar as her chief of staff; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Moreno served as Democratic chair
13 and election judge of Harris County Precinct No. 62 and first won
14 election to the Texas House of Representatives in November 1998;
15 since that time he served the residents of House District 143 with
16 dedication and commitment during five legislative sessions, most
17 recently contributing his knowledge and expertise to the House
18 Committee on Border and International Affairs and the House
19 Committee on Juvenile Justice and Family Issues; and

20 WHEREAS, A devoted supporter of his hometown, Representative
21 Moreno committed himself to making his district a better place in
22 which to live, work, and raise a family; he worked to reduce air
23 pollution and to bolster the local economy by addressing important
24 issues involving the Port of Houston; moreover, he worked on

1 legislation to help protect the most vulnerable residents of the
2 Lone Star State, making it possible for abused children to receive
3 protection in times of need; and

4 WHEREAS, Held in high esteem by his peers, Representative
5 Moreno was a former chair of the Harris County Delegation; he was
6 further acknowledged for his contributions with a host of
7 accolades, including the Outstanding Legislator Award from the
8 Coalition of Texans with Disabilities, the Legislative Hero award
9 from the Harris County Democrats, and the Houston Gulf Coast
10 Chapter of the Labor Council for Latin American Advancement award;
11 he also earned recognition as the 2003 Legislator of the Year from
12 the Justice of the Peace and Constables Association; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his political involvement, this
14 notable community leader was active in Resurrection Catholic
15 Church, the Harris County Tejano Democrats, and LULAC Council No.
16 60; and

17 WHEREAS, Joe Moreno set an outstanding example of citizenship
18 and service to others throughout his time on this earth, and though
19 his friendship and leadership will be greatly missed, he will be
20 remembered with great affection and admiration for years to come;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby honor the life of Joe E. Moreno and extend deepest sympathy
24 to the members of his family: to his parents, Alice and Frank
25 Moreno; to his brother, Mario Moreno and his wife, Margot; to his
26 sister, Sarah Blancett; to his nephews, Drake, Andrew, Matthew, and
27 Taylor; to his grandmother, Olivia Moreno; and to all those who

1 mourn the passing of this esteemed public servant, beloved son and
2 brother, and friend; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
6 the Honorable Joe E. Moreno.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of El Paso
Anchia	Goodman	Morrison
Anderson	Goolsby	Mowery
Bailey	Griggs	Naishtat
Baxter	Grusendorf	Nixon
Berman	Guillen	Noriega
Blake	Haggerty	Oliveira
Bohac	Hamilton	Olivo
Bonnen	Hamric	Orr
Branch	Hardcastle	Otto
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Pena
Burnam	Hegar	Phillips
Callegari	Herrero	Pickett
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Raymond
Chisum	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Strama
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Straus
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Dukes	King of Parker	Talton
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Taylor
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Thompson
Edwards	Krusee	Truitt
Eiland	Kuempel	Turner
Eissler	Laney	Uresti
Elkins	Laubenberg	Van Arsdale
Escobar	Leibowitz	Veasey
Farabee	Luna	Villarreal
Farrar	Madden	Vo
Flores	Martinez	West
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	Wong
Frost	McCall	Woolley
Gallego	McClendon	Zedler
Gattis	McReynolds	

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 185 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 9, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 185 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 10, 2005.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor